

reconsider, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment...the reconsideration motion fails. Let me introduce some very special guests with us here today. We have a number of individuals from the Republic of Ghana. We have the Honorable Kofi Totobi Quakyi, Administer of Information; we have Nana Effah-Apenteng, the Deputy Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana; and we have Mabel Quakyi, the wife of the Administer of Information, along with a number of other guests, so could you all please stand to be recognized. We're very happy to have you with us. Mr. Clerk, and the call is raised, Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is from Senator Bernard-Stevens. He would move to bracket the bill until March 27, 1996.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This is not a bracket motion that kills the bill. This is a bracket motion that moves it, I believe, till Thursday or Friday of next week. And the reason I am doing this, again, is not to kill the bill necessarily, but that should be the time period when 1141 and...excuse me, 1114 and 299 have been discussed and, more than likely, advanced in one form or another to Select File. At least we'll have a better understanding of all the things we're doing on levy lids, spending lids, and what the special elections may or may not be. This would simply mean that the Select File discussion on the bill would take place on Select File after we have a clearer picture of what we're doing on the property tax side. And it seems to me, Senator Cudaback, that it makes...it, again, is something that you should not necessarily oppose because it doesn't kill the bill because you still obviously have a very high position on Select File, but it will at least allow the body to, when we get into the spending lids on 299, and they're going...there's going to be a lot of discussion on that point, it should clarify, I think for all of us, what's going to be happening or potentially happening at the local level in regards to the various options of special elections and in what form they may or may not take. After we get through the property tax on General File, then I think it'd be very fair, Senator Cudaback, to bring up the bill at that point, because if we're going to expand, you know, the voting